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SUBJECT: CHAMOUN VISIT TO SYRIA; GALLAGHER-DYKES

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1. I COMPLETELY CONCUR WITH AMBASSADOR GODLEY'S VIEA THAT IT WOULD BE EXCELLENT IDEA FOR CHAMOUN TO COME TO DAMASCUS. HAVE NO IDEA WHAT PROPOSALS SYRIANS MAY HAVE IN MIND TO DISCUSS WITH HIM BUT ASSUME THEY WOULD SURELY BE BROADER THAN GALLAGHER-DYKES KIDNAPPING.

2. WE HAVE TO DATE ONLY PRESS REPORTS ON CONDUCT AND OUT-COME OF ARAB FRONT CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE WHICH ENDED HERE YESTERDAY AND WHICH ARAFAT AND JUMBLATT AMONG OTHERS ATTENDED. CONFERENCE LEADERS HAD LONG SESSION WITH ASAD LAST EVENING. WE ASSUME SYRIANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF

PARTICIPANTS' PRESENCE TO CONTINUE THEIR POLICY OF URGING POLITICAL RECONCILIATION AND CESSATION FIGHTING IN LEBANON.

3. FYI: ASSUME CHAMOUN KNOWS HE NEED HAVE NO CONCERN

ABOUT HIS PERSONAL SECURITY WHILE HERE.

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